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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a school district enrollment supplement
2 program and making appropriations.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 257.13, subsection 1, Code 2016, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. For the school budget year beginning July 1, 2001, and
4 succeeding budget years, if a district's actual enrollment
5 for the budget year, determined under section 257.6, is
6 greater than its budget enrollment for the budget year, the
7 district shall be eligible to receive an on-time funding budget
8 adjustment. The adjustment shall be in an amount equal to the
9 difference between the actual enrollment for the budget year
10 and the budget enrollment for the budget year, multiplied by
11 the district cost per pupil, and then reduced by the amount
12 received by the district under the school district enrollment
13 supplement program under section 257.13A.

14 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 257.13A School district enrollment
15 supplement program — appropriation.

16 1. A school district enrollment supplement program is
17 established to provide additional funding for school districts
18 in which the district's actual enrollment for the budget year
19 exceeds the budget enrollment for the budget year. For the
20 school budget year beginning July 1, 2017, and succeeding
21 budget years, if a district's actual enrollment for the budget
22 year is greater than its budget enrollment for the budget year,
23 both as determined under section 257.6, the district may submit
24 a request to the school budget review committee for a school
25 district enrollment supplement. A request for an enrollment
26 supplement pursuant to this section must be received by the
27 school budget review committee by November 1. The school
28 budget review committee shall approve the request for the
29 enrollment supplement in the amount specified in subsection 3
30 if the district meets the requirements of this section.

31 2. a. For each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1,
32 2017, there is appropriated from the general fund of the state
33 to the department of education the sum of ten million dollars
34 to make all school district enrollment supplement payments
35 under this section, as calculated in subsection 3.

1 *b.* If the amount appropriated under this subsection is
2 insufficient to pay the entirety of all school district
3 enrollment supplement payments calculated under subsection 3,
4 the department of education shall prorate the amount of the
5 school district enrollment supplement payment provided to each
6 district.

7 3. The amount of each eligible school district's enrollment
8 supplement shall be the difference between the school
9 district's actual enrollment for the budget year minus the
10 school district's budget enrollment for the budget year
11 multiplied by the school district's regular program foundation
12 aid per pupil for the budget year.

13 4. School district enrollment supplement payments shall be
14 paid by the department of education in a single payment at the
15 same time as the first monthly installment is paid on or after
16 January 1 of the budget year under section 257.16, subsection
17 2.

18 5. School district enrollment supplement payments received
19 under this section are miscellaneous income and shall be
20 deposited in the general fund of the school district. However,
21 the school district enrollment supplement amount shall not be
22 included in district cost. An enrollment supplement under this
23 chapter shall not affect the receipt or amount of a budget
24 adjustment received under section 257.14.

25 6. Except for an adjustment to an amount under section
26 257.31, subsection 5, participation in the school district
27 enrollment supplement program under this section shall not
28 affect a school district's eligibility to receive an amount
29 from the school budget review committee under section 257.31.

30 Sec. 3. Section 257.31, subsection 5, paragraph a, Code
31 2016, is amended to read as follows:

32 *a.* Any unusual increase or decrease in enrollment. In
33 deciding a school district's need for additional funds under
34 this paragraph "a", the school budget review committee shall
35 consider school district enrollment supplement amounts received

1 by the school district under section 257.13A for the same
2 budget year, and may accordingly adjust amounts granted for the
3 purposes of this paragraph.

4 EXPLANATION

5 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
6 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

7 This bill establishes a school district enrollment
8 supplement program to provide additional funding for school
9 districts in which the district's actual enrollment for the
10 budget year exceeds the budget enrollment for the budget
11 year. For the school budget year beginning July 1, 2017, and
12 succeeding budget years, if a district's actual enrollment
13 for the budget year is greater than its budget enrollment for
14 the budget year, the district may submit a request to the
15 school budget review committee for a school district enrollment
16 supplement. The school budget review committee is required
17 to approve the request for the enrollment supplement if the
18 district meets the requirements of the bill.

19 The amount of each eligible school district's enrollment
20 supplement is the difference between the school district's
21 actual enrollment for the budget year minus the school
22 district's budget enrollment for the budget year multiplied by
23 the school district's regular program foundation aid per pupil
24 for the budget year.

25 The bill establishes a \$10 million annual appropriation for
26 each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2017, for the
27 payment of school district enrollment supplement amounts. If
28 the appropriation is insufficient to make all such payments,
29 the department of education is directed to prorate those
30 payment amounts. The bill specifies that school district
31 enrollment supplement payments are miscellaneous income and
32 must be deposited in the school district's general fund.
33 However, the enrollment supplement amount is not to be included
34 in district cost.

35 Code section 257.13 provides that if a school district's

1 actual enrollment for the budget year is greater than its
2 budget enrollment for the budget year, the district shall be
3 eligible to receive an on-time funding budget adjustment. The
4 bill provides that a budget adjustment under Code section
5 257.13 shall be reduced by the amount received by the district
6 under the school district enrollment supplement program. The
7 bill further specifies that an enrollment supplement does not
8 affect the receipt or amount of a budget adjustment received
9 under Code section 257.14, and, except for an adjustment to
10 the amount, does not affect a school district's eligibility to
11 receive an amount from the school budget review committee under
12 Code section 257.31 based on an increase in enrollment.